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The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—"The question is engaging the attention of the Government."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—"Are they going to pass early orders or not?"

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—"They will do so as early as possible."

Closing of the allopathic dispensary at Gangareddigudem, Godavari district.

* 107 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue and the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether the allopathic dispensary at Gangareddigudem in the Godavari district has been closed and if so, the reasons for the same?

A.—The Local Fund dispensary at Gangareddigudem has not been closed, nor it is proposed to close it.

Public Health.

Vaccination in the Presidency.

* 108 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to refer to the discussion during the recent budget debate (i.e., on 30th March 1925) on vaccination in connexion with a grant for the King Institute at Quindry and to state—

- (a) what steps are being taken—
 - (i) for conveying vaccine untainted to the hands of the vaccinators and
 - (ii) for preserving it in proper condition in the custody of vaccinators;
- (b) what action has been taken or is contemplated for appointment of duly qualified and properly paid vaccinators and for supervising the work of vaccinators;
- (c) what are the educational qualifications and training exacted from vaccinators; and
- (d) what are the various grades of salaries and allowances of vaccinators whether under direct control of Government or under the control of local authorities?

A.—(a) (i) & (ii) The directions issued for the use of vaccine lymph in the Presidency specify among other things the precautions to be taken in conveying vaccine to the hands of vaccinators untainted and for preserving it in proper condition until it is actually used. Relevant extracts^a from these directions which have been published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* are placed on the Council Table. The attention of the hon. Member is also invited to the answer given to question No. 123 at the meeting of the Legislative Council, dated 5th February 1925.

(b) The Government have prescribed by rules framed under the District Municipalities Act and the Local Boards Act the

^a Printed as Appendix V on pages 259-260 infra.

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qualifications necessary for vaccinators. Local bodies are themselves competent, under the above two Acts, to fix the scale of pay of their establishments.

The failure to offer adequate pay to the vaccination staff and to employ the full complement of qualified men has been commented on in the report on the working of vaccination in the Presidency and the review thereof and brought to the notice of the local bodies concerned. The duty of supervising the work of vaccinators has been entrusted to 'Health Inspectors' working under the control of District Health Officers in rural areas, to Municipal Health Officers in municipalities employing them and to the Medical officers in charge of the station in municipalities which do not employ Health Officers. The Director of Public Health has also been requested to issue instructions to ensure the efficient working and supervision of vaccination in the Presidency.

(c) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 753 which has been printed with the proceedings of the Legislative Council for March 1925.

(d) The Government have no information regarding the salaries and allowances of vaccinators under the control of local bodies. In the Agency tracts where the vaccinators are employed by the Government they are given the following scale of pay :—

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8 vaccinators	23—30
14 do.	15—23
3 do.	15

They are given, in addition, an unhealthy locality allowance of Rs. 5 each per mensem and a fixed travelling allowance of Rs. 15 each per mensem.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—“ With reference to the answer to clause (d), do the Government consider that the maximum of Rs. 23—30 was adequate enough to get properly qualified men for the important work they are doing? ”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—“ These scales are decided by the local bodies ”

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—“ The Government are in a better position to judge of the importance of vaccination than the local bodies. Do the Government think that such pay was adequate enough for securing duly qualified vaccinators? In the Agency tracts the vaccinators are employed by the Government. Can Government get adequately qualified men for this small salary? ”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—“ That is their opinion. ”

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—“ Have the Government been informed of the death of a vaccinated child in Tirupur? ”

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—“ Under what clause does the hon. Member put the question? ”

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Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" Clause (d). We are dealing with the adequacy or inadequacy of the pay of vaccinators. May I ask the question whether Government have got information that, on account of the incompetency of a vaccinator, a child died in Tirupur after having been vaccinated ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" That is assuming that the child died on account of the incompetency of the vaccinator. The assumption is ill-founded. "

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" May I know whether Government made any inquiry as to whether the officer was dismissed or not ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" There was no necessity for such inquiry. "

Qualifications of Sanitary Inspectors.

* 109 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether the local boards or municipalities can appoint persons as Sanitary Inspectors who have not got at least the required minimum educational qualification or training ?

A.—Yes, subject to the conditions laid down in rule 5 of the rules issued with a G.O. No. 1962, P.H., dated 1st December 1923, a copy of which is laid on the table.

Religious and Charitable Endowments.

Returns of incomes and expenditure of religious endowments to the Endowment Board.

* 110 Q.—Mr. K. RAGHUCHANDRA BALLAL : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hindu Religious Endowments Board has called from the trustees for returns of the past triennial incomes and expenditure of certain religious endowments ;

(b) whether such returns have been called for in respect of all endowments, or whether any exception has been made in respect of any ; if so, in respect of which ;

(c) whether it is a fact that the president and certain commissioners of the board have been recently touring in the Presidency ;

(d) if so, what duties they have performed while on such tours ;

(e) what is their monthly pay and what is the rate of their touring allowances ;

(f) whether the said president inspected any temples in South Kanara and other places visited by him ; if so, what are those ; and

(g) whether the Government have any objection to appoint a Jain as a commissioner of the Endowment Board ?

A.—(a), (b), (c), (d) & (f) The Government have no specific information.

(e) The pay of the President is Rs. 1,200 per mensem and that of the Commissioner is Rs. 700—50—800. The rate of their touring allowances has not yet been fixed.